# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS AND CARPET
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the demand of Indian handicrafts in the world market has increased considerably while the demand of Indian carpet is decreasing year after year;

(b) if so, the total exports of handicrafts and carpet during each of the last three years and thereafter separately;

(c) the total estimate made by Planning Commission for the export of handicraft and carpet during the Eleventh Five Year Plan Period, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government is giving any special compensation or helping the workers engaged in the handicrafts and carpet manufacturing sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to compete with China which is likely to grab greater share of handicraft market in the world?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a)& (b): The demand of both handicraft and Indian carpet has been increasing during the last three years. The exports figures of handicrafts and carpets of last three years are as below:-

| Year | Handicrafts (Prov.) Rs. In crore | Carpet (Provisional) |
|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | 13032.70 | 2583.62 |
| 2005-06 | 14526.85 | 3082.06 |
| 2006-07 | 17288.14 | 3674.86 |
| 2007-08 (April -Oct.) | 6750.08 (Prov. April-Oct.,2006) | 1598.14 (April-Oct., 2006) |

(c): The total estimate proposed by Govt. for the export target of handicraft and carpet during the 11th Plan period year-wise are as follows:-

| Year | Handicrafts Rs. In crore | (US$ Million) | Carpet Rs. In crore | (US$ Million) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2007-08 | 21000.00 | 4500 | 4278.50 | 947.02 |
| 2008-09 | 22000.00 | 5500 | 4827.00 | 1068.43 |
| 2009-10 | 27500.00 | 6875 | 5460.00 | 1208.55 |
| 2010-11 | 35200.00 | 8800 | 6225.00 | 1377.88 |
| 2011-12 | 46000.00 | 11500 | 7127.63 | 1577.67 |

(d)&(e): There is no provision under schemes implemented by Govt. to provide any special compensation directly to the artisans engaged in handicrafts & carpet manufacturing sector. However, the Master craftpersons are sponsored to participate for display and live demonstration in the international fairs/exhibitions under agreed Cultural Exchange Programme between India & other nations from time to time. In addition, Master craftspersons also participate in the overseas events thorough Central/State Handicrafts Development Corporations/Export Promotion Councils, etc. Apart from this a health insurance Scheme for the artisans is also implemented.

(f): Govt. has taken steps under 11th Plan which include participation in international exhibitions/fairs, organizing of seminars on Brand Image Promotion of Indian Handicrafts abroad with a view to create awareness/exposure which ultimately helps to enhance share of handicrafts in the global market.